

Pentagon Inadvertently Reveals Details Of '05 Budget

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WASHINGTON (AP)--The Pentagon accidentally posted hundreds of pages of details from its forthcoming **2005 budget** on its Web site Friday, including figures showing that research and development would grow to \$68.9 billion from \$64.7 billion, including \$2.7 billion - a near doubling - to modernize the Army's armored weapons.

The request for procurement will be \$74.9 billion, which is \$6.2 billion less than this year.

Among the other proposals it revealed - and then quickly removed from the site - were numbers for weapons procurement, military construction, and operations and maintenance.

The Defense Department had previously said **Bush** would request \$401.7 billion for the military's **2005 budget**, which is 7% more than this year. Full budget details will be released Monday.